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Scholarships for the 14th Annual Cal/EPA Environmental Cross Media Enforcement Symposium

The 14th Annual Cal/EPA Environmental Cross Media Enforcement Symposium will be held May 29-June 1, 2007. For more information, see www.arb.ca.gov/training/enfsym.htm

Cal/EPA is offering a limited number of scholarships to this symposium. Funding for the scholarships is made possible by funds from the settlement of an enforcement case that was designated for enforcement training. These scholarships include registration fee, travel, hotel and per diem costs as allowed under state travel policies. The scholarships are available to state, local and tribal environmental enforcement staff **ONLY**. To apply for a scholarship, please email the following information to Jami Ferguson at jferguso@calepa.ca.gov no later than **Friday April 6, 2007**.

Name
Title
Agency
Email address
Mailing address
Phone number
Supervisor's name
Supervisor's email address
Supervisor's phone number
Duties (particularly as they relate to enforcement)
Have you ever received a Cal/EPA Scholarship before? If so, when?
Did you attend the Symposium last year?
Have you ever attended the Symposium?

Late applications will not be accepted.

Scholarship award notifications will be sent out by email as soon as possible after the application due date. Please be informed that scholarships provide for reimbursement of expenses and reimbursements take approximately 8 weeks after the training event.

Forms and Data Dictionary Proposed Regulations Filed

Cal/EPA filed its proposed regulations modifying a number of CUPA to State and Business to CUPA reporting forms and the underlying data dictionary, with the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) on March 9, 2007. The 45 day public comment period commenced March 23rd and ends on May 7th. There is a public hearing on May 11th at Cal/EPA HQ. The formal package is online on the Cal/EPA web site under Laws/Regulations and also at the Unified Program web site in the News block. Interested parties will be able to subscribe to the Listserv for this proposed regulation to get all updates at the same site. For more information, see the web site at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/LawsRegs/> or contact Loretta Sylve at lsylve@calepa.ca.gov or (916) 327-9558.

State Water Resources Control Board

Government-owned Tanks Compliance Report

The State's report to Federal EPA on the compliance status of government-owned tanks is due this summer. On March 9, 2007, the State Water Board sent a letter and reporting form to the CUPA's to collect this information by May 30, 2007.

Government-owned tanks refer to all Federal, State, and Local government tanks. The report will document all government-owned tanks that are "Out of Compliance" at the time of the report. Compliance reporting is based on the following criteria, as outlined in Federal guidance: notification, corrosion protection, overfill prevention, spill prevention, tank and piping leak detection, tanks and piping repair, secondary containment, financial responsibility, and temporary closure. The report requires the identification of the tank, the tank owner, facility address, violation citation (violations of the above-noted criteria), date of last inspection, and the actions taken or will be taken (informal, formal, negotiating settlement, undetermined, or other) to ensure compliance.

UST Program Contact: Marci Christofferson (mchristofferson@waterboards.ca.gov; 916-341-5594)

Enhanced Leak Detection (ELD) Follow-up –new Geotracker Tools

As of the end of February 2007, a total of 48 CUPA's have provided updates. To save time and effort for everyone, we are reiterating our request for you to check the July 2006 spreadsheets we emailed and update them. That way, we can use the most current data in our future mail outs. If you provide us with information that the site is closed, ELD test results, or the tank owner provides ELD test results, we can skip the RFR process for those sites. If you haven't submitted your update, this is your last chance to do so. The next mailing is scheduled for March.

To assist you with this project and other UST program tracking, the State Water Board has added several enhancements to Geotracker. Please make sure that all of your active sites are in Geotracker, and that they are correctly located. This will be a tremendous help when Requests for Reconsideration are processed. Thanks again to the CUPAs for all of your efforts in this process.

UST Program Contact: Terry Brazell (tbrazell@waterboards.ca.gov; 916-341-5645)

Proposed Rulemaking Packages

In conjunction with Cal/EPA, the State Water Board is working on a rulemaking package to change certain elements of Title 27. Proposed changes to Title 27 include updating all underground storage tank permitting forms. Other proposed changes to Title 27 include updating the tank installation certification and the monitoring plan forms. Report 6 information requirements are being updated and other minor changes to fix inconsistencies in Title 23 are being made.

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Department of Toxic Substances Control

California Hazardous Waste Classification Online Training

DTSC is proud to announce that their California Hazardous Waste Classification online training course is now up and running. This interactive course will provide Californians with information on the proper classification and understanding of hazardous waste, and hazardous waste classification laws and regulations.

This course covers hazardous waste identification through different characteristics and listings, exclusions from the waste classification requirements, test methods used to measure the characteristics of wastes, and information on how to determine whether a waste is a federally regulated (RCRA) or a California regulated (non-RCRA) hazardous waste.

This course was developed through a contract with California State University of Sacramento and can be viewed at <http://ccelearn.csus.edu/wasteclass/>. For more information contact Matthew Peterson at mpeters2@dtsc.ca.gov or (916 255-3626)

Mercury Lamp Training Module

DTSC in collaboration with California Compliance School has developed an activity based training Mercury Lamp Training Module program that teaches the basics of mercury lamp management. This two hour training module is ready to be conducted as soon as enough people sign up. To learn more information on this training module contact California Compliance School at 800 337-1422 or 661-395-4115. For more information contact Matthew Peterson at mpeters2@dtsc.ca.gov or (916 255-3626)

Vehicle Service Repair Module

California Compliance School has completed their new Vehicle Service Repair Training Module. DTSC in collaboration with California Compliance School has developed an activity based training program that teaches the basics of pollution prevention and hazardous waste laws and regulations for the vehicle service repair industry. This four hour training module is ready to be conducted as soon as enough people sign up. To learn more information on this training module contact California Compliance School at 800 337-1422 or 661-395-4115. For more information contact Matthew Peterson at mpeters2@dtsc.ca.gov or (916 255-3626)

Update HWTS User Information

From time to time, DTSC sends out mass email messages to CUPA users of the Hazardous Waste Tracking System (HWTS). These emails may be about the status of HWTS, such as unavailability or the status of manifest data. Many of the emails come back to DTSC as undeliverable.

In order to keep our records up-to-date, please notify DTSC about updates such as email address changes, changes to your phone number or office address, or if you've had a job change and no longer need access to HWTS. If you have had changes to your information since your user name was issued, please send us an email at hwtsadmn@dtsc.ca.gov and notify us of the changes.

Federal Disposal Requirements for Refrigerants

Below is a link to a recent EPA pamphlet that is a plain-language brochure that describes the federal disposal requirements landfill owners/operators and appliance/metal recyclers must follow when accepting appliances that contain refrigerants. More information about the management of these appliances is available on the web at: <http://www.epa.gov/ozone/title6/608/disposal/index.html>.
<http://www.epa.gov/ozone/snap/emissions/downloads/SafeDisposalBrochure.pdf>

Governor's Office of Emergency Services

Proposed Rulemaking Package

In conjunction with Cal/EPA's Title 27 Administrative Cleanup Regulations, the Governor's Office of Emergency Services is working on a Section 100 rulemaking package to amend the Business Owner/Operator Identification Form (2730) and the Hazardous Materials Inventory – Chemical Description Form (2731). For more information, contact Fred Mehr at Fred.Mehr@oes.ca.gov or 916-845-8754.

The Unified Program Section is interested in your comments and suggestions regarding the monthly newsletter. Please provide comments and suggestions to cupa@calepa.ca.gov.

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